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U. H. J. perity of our Trade may not be in any degree frustrated by any Liber No. 34 Want of Care, and Attention in ourselves

P. 327 As to my own Part you may be assured of my Sincere desire to Promote your Happiness in every respect: It is not only my Inclination but I Look upon it as my duty, and shall ever think myself happy in Proportion to the Benefit the Publick may reap from my Administration.

These are my real Sentiments and I can truly say that I never have recommended anything to you, but I Sincerely thought it for your Interest; even the three pence p hogshead for Arms and Ammunition, which the duty of My Station must always Oblige me to press in a Particular manner, concerns the Government no further than as it is necessary for the Safety and Defence of the Province, which every man of Property in the Country is essentially interested in, thô the Inhabitants upon the Borders must always be Exposed to the most immediate danger; and it is certainly more Convenient to raise a Small Sum yearly, than to have Arms and Ammunition to provide upon a sudden Emergency, which no Man can tell how soon may happen

The other temporary Laws you will of Course take under your Consideration; and as I make no doubt of your good Disposition for the Publick Service I hope We shall Avoid all unecessary Disputes, and be able to give such Dispatch to Business as to make our Meeting not only advantageous but easy to the People

Mess^{rs} Lee & Wilson from the Lower house attend with, Mess^{rs} Bond, Key Barns & Mills, Members returned for S^t Marys County, and with Mess^{rs} Colvill and Hyland two of the Members returned for Cecil County, to see them qualified, who take the several Oaths to the Government required by Law repeat and Subscribe the Abjuration and Test & then withdraw

Adjourned till to Morrow Morning ten of the Clock

Wednesday Morning 9th of May 1750

This house met again according to Adjournment

Present as Yesterday with the Addition of Edmund Jennings & Richard Lee Esq^r

Benjamin Tasker Esq^r attended by the Members of this house presents to his Excellency their address which follows in these words To his Excellency Samuel Ogle Esq^r Governor and Commander in

Chief in & over the Province of Maryland

The humble Address of the Upper house of Assembly